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Office of the Governor
State of Missouri
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri always welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge momentous cultural and historical events which take place in the Show-Me State; and

WHEREAS, Laura C. Redden Searing, an 1858 graduate of the Missouri School for the Deaf, demonstrated uncommon valor as a war correspondent during the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Laura C. Redden Searing rode horseback from battlefield to battlefield during the American Civil War, interviewing soldiers and generals as a war correspondent communicating solely by pen and paper, or chalk and slate; and

WHEREAS, Laura C. Redden Searing demonstrated exemplary skills as a writer, journalist, and poet, and was much sought after by American newspapers; and

WHEREAS, through photographs, written word, technological and student presentations, Laura C. Redden Searing's contributions as writer, poet, and war correspondent will serve to educate and inspire the general public and students who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, changes in the role of women and minorities during the course of the American Civil War are likewise presented through the presentations celebrating Laura C. Redden Searing's birthday at the Missouri School for the Deaf;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB HOLDEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2004, as

LAURA C. REDDEN SEARING DAY

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 4th day of February, 2004.



Bob Holden
Governor

Attest:

Matt Blunt
Secretary of State

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Senior Class 2004



La'Ronica



Dani



Monica



Rosa



Timothy



Adam



Zachariah



Brandon S.



Brandon T.

Senior Class History 2004



La'Ronica



Dani



Monica



First row: Monica, LaRonica, Rosa. Second row: Becky Payne, sponsor; Tim, Brandon, Zack, Adam, Dani and Jalaila Lyles sponsor. (Becky served 1 year as sponsor and Jalaila served 2 years). Brandon S (not pictured).



Rosa



Timothy



Adam



Zach



Brandon S.



Brandon T.



Sign of the Times

by Barbara Garrison



As Dickens said: “It is the best of times and the worst of times.” It is the best of times in that we have better buildings and facilities than ever before (new elementary school and cottages, all good roofs, air-conditioning in most buildings, better parking, etc.), vastly better communication equipment with computers, internet, webpage, campus video communications, Distance Learning, phone messaging, and more experience in most areas by our staff than ever before. It is the worst of times with dropping enrollment, more students with multiple disabilities, no raises, uncertain budgets, DESE supervision of things we have previously been able to manage ourselves, restrictions on hiring, more impersonal management due to such things as SAM II, e-mails instead of a phone call (albeit that emails can also be seen as a positive communicator), the state and nation’s economy and the outside influences of war and terrorism.

While change has occurred at MSD every year, according to one MSD employee that I’ve talked with, the last couple of years have encompassed more changes in more areas than the last 20 years put together. Change can be very stressful and fearful to some, while others embrace change for increased effectiveness. The changes that we here at MSD are experiencing are, in my humble opinion, not so different than those being experienced by all of America’s citizens these days. We are experiencing a cultural shift, economic disparity, future uncertainly — any and all of which can certainly be stressful.

America elected a new President, watched the Twin Towers collapse and the Pentagon set ablaze, experienced

the traumatic consequences as terrorists attacked us on our own soil, continue to endure nation-wide economic shortfalls, see our individual right to privacy is being eroded, respond to the Presidential call for Americans to become volunteers in serving their country and communities, and entered into war against another country.

In the past twenty (20) months in personnel alone, MSD incurred a new Assistant Commissioner at DESE, a new Superintendent, its first Assistant Superintendent, two new School Supervisors, its first Curriculum Supervisor, a new Media Supervisor, new teachers and staff in all three schools, Student Services and Outreach, Residential Program, Food Services, Custodial Services, a new Power Plant Engineer and Maintenance staff and a hiring freeze that has become a hiring “slush”.

In addition to these personnel changes, MSD has faced operational changes: MSIP, NCLB, increased responsibilities on Residential staff by taking on the task of transporting our students to/from home each weekend, new housing of middle school students, new requirements for accommodating students at lunch time, increased focus on MAP requirements, new SAT norming, increased focus on IEPs and compliance, downsizing of our Early Intervention Program, State Board approval on the revised SCPI process with more concentrated requirements for ASL classes, enhanced attention on ASL presentations/discussion in every classroom, increased demands on teachers for curriculum development and revision, new classes at the High School Level to meet career and communication needs, new provision

of services at the Elementary School because of communication needs of entering and other students, the addition to comply with Core Data reporting at DESE, new scheduling in all schools, and enhanced provision of Professional Development work-shops and opportunities.

Overwhelming? It certainly can feel that way at times for each of us, especially when we add into the equation of events in our personal lives. Let me try and put things in perspective so that we can approach these changes positively, productively, and successfully while we work together as a team because ... four things remain constant:

- our goal to provide academic and social education for children who are deaf/hard of hearing in order that they can reach their maximum potential;
- our goal to provide nurturing, cultivating and safe residential care for children who are deaf/hard of hearing;
- our goal to provide comprehensive support services and resources to all of Missouri’s public school districts; and
- our goal to provide supportive services and comprehensive resources to parents of and professionals who serve individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing.

Our methodologies will continually change. Every change that we encounter is linked with the desire to improve our school and our programs to provide enhanced services. I would not want, nor do I believe that you would want, to see any area not have the attention it needs.

Expectations are higher along with state employees’ insurance rates and the cost of living. Pay increases are non-existent for some of us and small tokens for others. Many of our

new administrators are doing on-the-job training with little or no previous training as administrators. We need to assist each other in growing in our positions. The MSD family will support, help and nurture each other as a group of people with the same responsibilities and the same goals.

A fourteen-year employee told me recently that communication is better than it has been in the past. That's a good beginning for us to build on. It continues to be a joy to be working with a group of people who are committed to their work and want to do a good job.

I'll close with a borrowed quote from Margilee LaBorde:

**"The glass is not half full.
The glass is not half empty.
We are thankful for the water."**

The entire campus is "buzzing" with excitement with our advancements in technology. All of these technological advances focus on communication.

The Campus Video Communication (CVC System) is a much more convenient and cultural-friendly mode of communication for our staff and families. (See article on page 8).

The new emergency warning system is still in the installation phase and will truly be a "state of the art" emergency warning system.

Our Distance Learning classroom is fully equipped and ready for business.

—Barbara Garrison

Deaf Culture at MSD

In recognition of Deaf culture, MSD endorses an established communication philosophy that promotes a bilingual/multicultural school environment. American Sign Language (ASL) is a preferred method of communication at MSD; therefore, ASL competency evaluation is **required** for MSD employees whose jobs require student contact or whose sign language skills represent important aspects of performance on the job. Sign language competencies are **recommended** for other employees.

The Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD) is committed to creating a visual

communication environment which best supports scholarship and the basic tenets (beliefs) of humanistic education; therefore, the school implemented the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) in 1997 as a tool to evaluate the proficiency of sign language communication of employees.

While ensuring that clear visual communication is the norm in every school department, supporting the MSD Communication Policy of American Sign Language (ASL) as the preferred method of communication, and recognizing that our students and staff arrive on our campus with a variety of sign language and communication modes, we are guided by three principles:

- Effective sign communication supports education;
- Sign communication will be inclusive, respectful, and flexible; and
- Direct sign communication is central to the MSD vision.

On April 5, 2001, the outcomes portion of the SCPI policy was suspended pending a thorough review of the policy. This action was taken as a result of questions regarding the consistency in the instructional and evaluation portion of the program. ASL instruction, however, was continued.

Since the suspension of the SCPI Policy at MSD, much revising has been done and after submission for review by legal counsel for the Division of Special Education, I am happy to say that the State Board of Education approved MSD's Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) Program on November 20, 2003.

For MSD employees who have taken the SCPI and met their assigned level prior to December 1st, 2003, no further evaluation will be necessary. All remaining employees (employees who have taken the SCPI and not met their required level and new employees who have not yet taken the SCPI) will be scheduled for the SCPI Interview during the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year and the process timeline will be followed according to the new testing date.

Missouri School for the Deaf Communication Philosophy

The faculty, staff and administration of the Missouri School for the Deaf affirm the following statement as their philosophy of communication:

Comprehension occurs when understandable communication exists between two or more people. We recognize that our students come to school possessing a broad range of communication skills which necessitate a variety of responses to ensure that comprehension occurs.

We believe that all students have the right to a bilingual/multicultural school environment. This means the earliest possible access to American Sign Language (ASL) – the primary language of the Deaf culture – and access to the English language in reading, writing, auditory training and speech. Within this environment, students can develop a strong foundation for dual language competency.

We believe that this fundamental student right fosters respect and understanding. We shall provide an academically and culturally enriched learning environment for all students in order that they may develop a sense of identity within the Deaf and hearing communities.

MSD is THE model for bilingual/ multicultural education for the Deaf in the state of Missouri.

ASL is the glue of Deaf culture. The social, communal and creative mores of Deaf culture, are expressed by, and created within the context of Deaf people's language, and the language in turn, changes dynamically with its usage in the community. Deaf culture encompasses communication, social protocol, art, entertainment, recreation and education.

Students and staff who are Deaf rightfully demand that the hearing world respect their right to govern their own lives and to realize that deafness is not a disability; it is a characteristic that binds Deaf people into a vibrant,

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Campus Video Communication

The Missouri School for the Deaf has implemented a new system to provide two-way video communications for its staff and students, both on and off campus.

Our information Technology department has distributed a series of D-Link "I-2-Eye" personal video-conferencing units (CVC Stations) to selected locations around the campus. Each unit includes a small 13" TV. Staff who are deaf will also receive a "Phone Flasher" to be used with the D-Link. These units will be connected through a new, separate "Video Network."

Parents and colleagues off campus with compatible equipment will be able to place calls to these units. All regular school staff and most support staff have participated in training seminars introducing this new communications system, and are able to place and accept calls, and help students utilize the equipment to do the same.

Deaf users will also be able to use their CVC Stations to place and receive Video Relay calls using Sprint VRS. Video Relay Services is a system that works in much the same way as TTY Relay. The Deaf user can place a video call to a VRS Operator, who will then place a voice call to a hearing individual and interpret between the two in real time. Hearing users can use VRS to call properly-equipped Deaf individuals. Hearing users are encouraged to call 1-866-410-5787. This is a toll-free call. The VRS Operator will need the "IP Address" of the receiving individual — these addresses are provided in our on-line directory located on the MSD website, at this address: www.msd.k12.mo.us/videodirectory.htm.

Staff have been trained and campus response has been overwhelmingly positive and our TDDs are collecting dust.

—Scott Horton
Computer Information Technologist



Retirees

Pat Salmons retired in September of 2003. She came to MSD January 4, 1976 and worked in food service. She was a faithful and dedicated employee and is already missed by many. The MSD family wishes her many happy years of retirement. We are sure that we will bump into her sometime this summer on the "garage sale circuit" — one of the things she loves to do.



Thelma Garriott began her career at MSD October 10, 1986 and retired September 1, 2003. She was a joy to work with and will truly be missed by students and staff. We hope that she comes back to visit and keep us abreast as to what retirement is really like. She now has time to pursue her love of horses and trail riding with her husband.



MSD's performance group has a new name: Signing Eagles. They've chalked up a performance in Jefferson City at the Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration, January 12. MSD's students have been performing in the community for more than ten years. The name of the group has changed many times, but the goal remains the same: to provide entertainment in American Sign Language for the community.

One highlight of the day was meeting Jack McBride, president of the Fulton Branch NAACP. Mr. McBride had a collage of pictures on display. The students were fascinated by this. He came up and introduced himself to the students and explained to them about the collage. The collage was of pictures from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life.

The students also met and talked with Shanta Driver who was the guest speaker. Ms. Driver is the National Director for United for Equality and Affirmative Action Legal Defense Fund. Ms. Driver's speech was motivational and inspirational. She invited everyone to attend a march in Washington, D.C. on May 15, 2004.

Vikee Waltrip attended the program with the students. Ms. Waltrip is visiting MSD as an artist in residence. Vikee has been involved in theatre, TV and film in one way or another for the last 20++ years. Her experience ranges from jobs such as Managing Director, Make-up Artist, Production Assistant, Associate Producer, Editor (both print and video), Production Manager, Costume Maintenance, Stage Management, Props, Bookings, Public Relations and all-round Handywoman. Stand-up Comedienne, Actress, Folk Artist, Writer, Play Adaptations, Impro-

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Top: Kira, Jack McBride, Rosa and Angelo. **Below:** Vikee Waltrip, Shanta Driver, Angelo, Rosa, Kira and Superintendent Barbara Garrison.

visations and Directing are other large aspects of her life. It is in this area of creativity where for the past four years, she has soared the highest, traveling to different parts of the country, giving performances and occasionally performing in a play. She hopes to help students improve their performance techniques while emphasizing the theme "Tolerance."

Vikee left MSD January 30 leaving behind her valuable lessons for the students.



Rosa, Angelo and Kira waiting for their performance.

Missouri School for the Deaf – RIF* Program

MSD is just beginning its 22nd year as a sponsor of a Reading Is Fundamental program for our students. During the 1981-82 school year we held our first RIF* distribution for 54 students in Stark School. Our program has grown through the years and now all of our students participate in the MSD RIF* program.

During the school year, the library will hold three RIF* distributions. The first one for this year was held during the second week of November. All of our students will have the opportunity to choose one paperback book to keep for their own at each of the distributions. Reading is a very fundamental part of everyone's life and we are working to provide our students with books that they can read and enjoy and keep.

Funding for MSD's RIF* program comes from the National RIF* Office and from local contributions. The Callaway KIDS' Bank, MSD National Honor Society, MSD Jr. NAD and MSD's Student Council have all contributed to our program during the last few years. The library also sponsors a book fair each year which provides books and funds to our RIF* program.

—Patsy Craghead
Librarian



Above: Students from Stark School look through the books for sale at the Scholastic Book Fair that was held in Farquhar Library the last week of October. Money from the book fair is used to support the MSD RIF* Program. Right: Hats off to the Reading Book Fair.





Above: Patsy Craghead signs “wonderful” as she receives the RIF* check. Left: Patsy Craghead, Monielle, Kira, Nick and Carol Adams, Student Council Sponsor — With donations received through the RIF* project, the library purchases new paperback books. Throughout the school year, students have the opportunity to choose three paperback books to keep for their very own.



MSD Students Attend GMC/Pontiac Auto Show in St. Louis

Fifteen students from the Auto Body and Driver Education classes attended the GMC/Pontiac Auto Show in St. Louis on January 22, 2004. This annual event was under the supervision of Charles Galbreath, Bobby Washington and Patty Colter.

The students were excited and amazed at the variety of automobiles they saw. At each display a presenter explained the unique features of the vehicle. They were fascinated with a magic show that was presented at the Silverado Pickup Truck display.

Several innovative features coming in the near future were presented. Each MSD visitor was presented with a GMC souvenir hat. This was an enjoyable as well as informative experience and they look forward to attending next year's show.

—Charles Galbreath



Top left: Students are attentive to the presenter. *Top right:* Kira tries out one of the upcoming convertibles. *Below* — First row: James Castilow and Leslie served as interpreters, Tabitha, Monica, Frannie, John served as an interpreter. Second row: Mike Sills, Auto Body Instructor Homer Galbreath, Bailey, LaToya, Brandi, John, Kira. Third Row: Damon, Ryan, Patty Colter, teacher aide; Carlos, Aaron, Brannndon D.

College and Career Day

The Missouri School for the Deaf held their annual College and Career Day at Wheeler High School. High School students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of colleges, services and agencies. The following representatives gave presentations:

- *Gallaudet University* — leads the world in graduate and undergraduate programs for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing students;
- *National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID)* — The National Technical Institute for the Deaf is the world's first and largest technological college for students who are deaf or hard of hearing;
- *Florissant Valley Community College (FVCC)* — offers a campus environment that is deaf-friendly, student-centered and learning-focused;
- *Johnson County Community College (JCCC)* — is a deaf-friendly campus providing interpretive services;
- *Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach/Postsecondary Education Programs Network (MCPO/PEPNet)* — provides information and materials to postsecondary institutions serving individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing;
- *Vocational Rehabilitation* — a state-supported division of services, to assist individuals with disabilities who are pursuing meaningful careers;
- *Leadership thru Education, Advocacy for the Deaf (LEAD)* — is a non-profit organization agency that serves the Deaf community;
- *Social Security* — explained and described qualifications that students may need to acquire SSI benefits;
- *Ovid Bell* — a commercial printing business located in Fulton, was represented by one of MSD's graduates Heather Finke Dunn.

Students were able to get many of their questions answered and learned more about colleges and services. Now it will be up to each of the students to make a decision on which path to go after they graduate from MSD. Good Luck to the Seniors as they begin making their decisions.

—Ellen Foshay



1. LEAD
2. Johnson County Community College
3. Gallaudet University
4. SSI
5. National Technical Institute for the Deaf
6. MCPO/PEP Net
7. Vocational Rehabilitation
8. Florissant Valley Community College
9. The Ovid Bell Press, Inc.

New Staff at MSD

Matthew Arnold is the new fourth grade teacher at Stark School. He graduated from Ball State University in December 2003 with dual BS majors in Hearing Impairments and Mild Disabilities. He received various awards while a student there. He was on the Dean's list and was the recipient of the Huntington County HELP, Inc. Scholarship Award; Elizabeth Spencer Scholarship Award; Reach Out to the Handicapped Scholarship Award and the Optimist Youth Appreciation Award.

He did volunteer work at Muncie's Isanogel Center and was a camp counselor for Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation.

While a student at Ball State he served as secretary and president of Ball State University's ASL Club.

MSD welcomes Matthew

Tosha Drew is a new teacher aide at Rice School. She graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf in 1996 and was Valedictorian of her class. She previously worked for the Wisconsin School for the Deaf as a Child Care Counselor/Teacher's Assistant.

She is married to Brad Drew, MSD class of 1988. Brad is an RA at MSD.

They have a daughter two years of age and will be expecting another child this summer.

Shelden Whittaker is a new teacher in Rice School. He has a M.S. in Special Education-Deaf Education from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. He also has a B.A. in Psychology from Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

Some of his job experiences include: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Johnson

County Community College, Overland Park, KS; HS English Teacher, Kansas School for the Deaf (coached football and basketball); and ASL Teacher, Lawrence High School, Lawrence, KS.

He has been Editor of the USA Deaf Sports Federation, Sioux Falls, SD;

Newsletter Editor, Kansas Association of the Deaf, Olathe, KS; Writer, Silent News, Mt. Laurel, NJ; ASL Tutor, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS; and Sports Editor, The Buff and Blue, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

2002-2004 Soaring Eagles



Above — Seated: Margilee LaBorde, Jill Haus, Norma McMunn, Barbie McGrath. Standing: Mary Althieser, Patty Atteberry, Luke Hegadorn, Debbie Ripley, Cathy McCray and Bob Washington — Mary and Barbie were featured in Summer/Fall 2003 issue of the Missouri Record; Margilee and Jill in the Winter/Spring 2002 issue. Right: Mary Althieser, Debbie Ripley and Luke Hegadorn DESE Employees of the Month.



April Soaring Eagle Award 2003 — Per her nominator Norma has great respect for every student and staff member which lets them know they are an essential part of this organization. She encourages all staff regardless of their abilities to sign to sign with her. When Norma sees a need, she jumps in and gets to work. Norma is a shining example to the students and staff at MSD.

November Soaring Eagle 2003 — Per her nominator "Patty not only does her Nursing job with pride, but she donates many hours to other causes like Girl Scouts and Eagle Friends. On special days, she dresses up to deliver gifts/candy to the students and staff. Patty

interacts very well with everyone on campus and genuinely cares about her job and the students." Congratulations Patty.

December's Soaring Eagle 2003 — Per his nominator "Luke is MSD's Food Service Manager and does an outstanding job of guiding our food service staff members through the preparation of our three daily meals and special food preparation for club, athletic and dormitory events. Luke's personality and management skills demonstrate how they make him a valuable MSD employee and we are glad that DESE recognizes that fact

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Museum of Imagination Janet Healy and Allison Gohring

Teaching New Thinking is a creative and imaginative class provided at the Middle School at the Missouri School for the Deaf. This program has been in existence for the past seven years to highlight the strengths of our most gifted and talented students. The students invited to participate in this class have shown exceptional skills in many academic areas. We focus on the areas of reading, language, science, math, visual arts, and critical thinking during our class.

This quarter the class worked on mind challenges and creating the Museum of Imagination. The mind challenges consisted of group and individual problem solving activities.

This week, the class is presenting their Museum of Imagination. It consists of interactive activities the students have created this quarter. The exhibits at the Museum are Bubblegum Mania, Hungry for Art, Towers, Constellation, and Mind Challenge.

The Bubblegum Mania exhibit offers the history of bubble gum making and blowing. It provides information about how to increase your bubble blowing skills and offers everyone an opportunity to try out the new information. So far the biggest bubble has been 7 inches.

The Hungry for Art Exhibit displays the art work of the students. They learned about the artist, Wayne Thiebaud, who became famous for painting cakes. The students painted yummy cupcakes on canvas in his style of art. At the exhibit, the spectators are provided with markers or charcoal pencils to draw their own cupcake.

The Towers Exhibit shows the tower challenges tackled in groups. The challenge was to make a tower that stood 23 inches high and could hold the weight of 20 pennies. We have two successful towers displayed and students are available to provide some insights on how to make a strong tower yourself.

The Constellations Exhibit contains imaginary constellations created by each of the class members. Each class member created a constellation and a folk tale to tell the myth behind their new constellations. The new constellations are beautiful and interesting. The exhibit offers a chance for spectators to learn more about existing constellations.

The Mind Challenge Exhibit offers two mind challenges for the participants. One challenges its spectators to cut a paper to see how long it can become.

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1) PE/Health teacher, Karen Barnhart and Jarrell work diligently at trying to complete a mind challenge. 2) TNT — Front row: Valen, Haley, Rosie. Second row: Cody, Johnny, Zachary, Ryan. 3) Johnny discusses the artwork of Wayne Thiebaud with his mother, Brenda. 4) Rosie measures her mother's, Beth Ann, bubble. 5) TNT instructors Janet Healy and Allison Gohring. 6) Zachary aids Brenda and Ashley in creating their own supportive towers.



Left — Front row: Haley, Rosie. Back row: Janet Healy, Johnny, Ryan, Cody, Zachary, Allison Gohring, not pictured Valen. Right — Museum of Imagination: Cody (left) watches as Cleve (front) and Brian (back) work on mind challenges exhibit.



Student Council Food/Book Drive

The Rice Middle School Student Council decided to enhance their annual food drive by adding books to the list. The students encouraged others to bring food, personal hygiene supplies, and books to help needy families.

In one week, our students and others on campus collected over seven boxes of things to present to Julie Lander of SERVE. Ms. Lander came to Rice School on December 8 to pick up the things our campus had provided. She came that day so that she could have the things to give to poor families that week.

She was very excited about the book drive and thought the Student Council had come up with a great idea. The Student Council continued the food and book drive until December 23 when the last load was picked up by SERVE.

—Allison Gohring
Sponsor



Nancy West Returns to MSD



Nancy West, the Rice Hall Volunteer China Painter, came in time for the holidays to share some of her skills with two classes of Art students. One class she taught to sketch and paint a winter scene. The other class she taught how to design and paint holly and berries on their china pieces.

Pictured above is Paige who china painted a dish with holly and berries.

—Janet Healy

Above left: Julie Lander pictured with those who participated in the book drive.

Left: Jarrell, Johnny and Nikki help get the food ready.

Pat Adams Displays His Paintings At MSD

Pat Adams, a local resident and MSD alumni had an art exhibit on display at MSD Farquhar Library, Friday, December 12, 2003.

Pat was born in a rural house near Minnith, Missouri August 28, 1941. He was delivered by a mid-wife and the last of eight children. At the age of three and one half he became deaf due to spinal meningitis.

He attended a one-room schoolhouse in Minnith from 1947 to 1953. He entered Missouri School for the Deaf in 1953 and graduated in 1961. Upon graduation he attended Gallaudet College, which later became a university, from 1961 to 1964 and returned to Gallaudet in 1966, graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

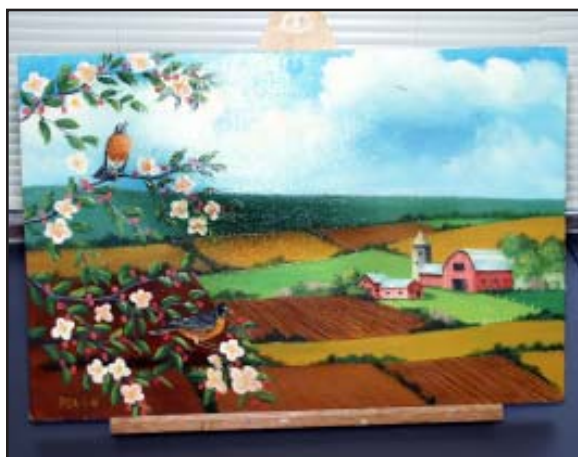
Pat spent most of his working career as a Senior Computer Programmer for the Missouri Department of Revenue in Jefferson City. He was there for 22 years. Prior to his work in Jefferson City he was a math teacher at MSD from 1975-1977. He has taught ASL classes in the Fulton area since his retirement at Fulton High School and at William Woods University.

His Achievement Awards include Volunteer of the Year for 55 up, 1999-2002 and for the 1999-2001 years he received an Apple Award in Education Excellence from the Fulton School District.

He has a deep love for painting and is mostly self-taught. He has actually painted for over 30 years starting when he was a young boy. His hobby became more serious after retirement.

He spent time with students in the early part of December, giving hands on demonstrations and later he gave an outstanding videotape presentation to staff and faculty in Ingle Auditorium.

His artwork on display at MSD included oil paintings on canvas and on creative surfaces such as saws and saw blades. He loved to share with students his ability and love for painting.



Brain Bowl *A New Style* David Haus

The Brain Bowl committee consisted of Nancy Carr, Lucille Blackwell and David Haus. They planned to make the Brain Bowl different from the past by allowing one staff member and one 8th grade student to be on each team. The staff member could only assist in answering the bonus questions after the first question was answered correctly. Selection of the team was also changed.

The team captains selected teammates by drawing names of persons volunteering to participate from a hat. Then each team selected a name for their team based on the theme "Show Time". They included *Underworld*, *Grind*, *LXG-League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, and *The Simpsons*. The team members were able to dress up to match their team name during the competitions. Props were made for the teams and fans by High School Art teacher Mrs. Debora Ripley. The judges were Miss Marilyn Barnard, Miss Ellen Foshay, and Miss Jalaila Lyles. They came in on the second day with robes and various color high wigs to add to the enjoyment of the audience and teams.

After the round robin matches on Tuesday and Thursday, the top two teams earned a chance to meet in the Championship match on Friday, March 12. The teams that made it to the Championship match were *Underworld* with captain Kyle and *LXG* with captain Kevin. After sixteen questions with

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Example of some of the questions: A. Sports: How many minutes are in the first half of a college basketball game? B. Deaf Heritage: In what year did the Missouri School for the Deaf open? C. Math: Solve for x: $-10x-19=19-8x$ D. General Knowledge: What country was Osama bin Laden born in?

Answers: A. 20 minutes, B. 1851, C. $x = -19$ D. Saudia Arabia



Top right: Homer Galbreath (instructor) and senior Dani prepare to score the championship round. Top left: David Haus with Matt's assistance read the rules on the first day. Bottom left: The Simpson's team is ready for their match — Monielle, Debbie Ripley (instructor), Brittany, Brannndon D and Ryan (pictured on the left in the background Tonya, (competition helper). Top center: The judges show their enthusiasm — Jalaila Lyles, Ellen Foshay and Marilyn Barnard. Bottom Center: The Champions — Frannie, Chetara, Kyle, Helen, Betty Sullivan (instructor), shown in the background Matt. Bottom right: Nancy Carr (instructor) shows a magic trick during the championship round by pulling a rabbit out of a hat.

Eagle Friends Holiday Party

Sharon Brown

Our annual Eagle Friend Holiday Party was held Thursday, December 11, in Stark Library. Every year each child at Stark is assigned a member of the MSD staff, who volunteer for this special program. That adult keeps in contact with the child by visiting them in school or the dorm, emailing them, sending them cards, encouraging them when they need extra attention, and eating with them when time allows.

These wonderful people go out of their way to help the children and the children love them.

This year as time grew near, the children anxiously awaited the arrival of their Eagle Friends and then each child presented a special hand made card to the adult.

Upon the arrival of staff, each child was presented a gift and soon paper, boxes, bows, and ribbon were flying. The children and staff played with the presents and then everyone enjoyed a delightful reception. Luke Hegadorn and his staff fixed wonderful trays of cookies, cheese, crackers, and punch.

Everyone had a wonderful time and it was very hard to tell who had the most fun, the adults or the children.



(1) Kiara, Janet Healy and Bonnie. (2) Jamie Lugo with Austin. (3) Margilee LaBorde with Victoria, Janet Healy with Bonnie, Michelle Hensen and Angela Rice in the background. (4) Susie Anderson with Jerome. (5) Tom Basteen helps Joseph, Ella Washington with Skye and Hopkin in the background. (6) Superintendent Garrison with Lindsey and Daniel in the background. (7) Eddie Ross and Nick with Virginia Brattin in the background. (8) Patty Atteberry with William.



Middle School Science Fair

Students from Sheldon Whittaker, Jill Haus and Trisha Halverson's science classes participated in the annual science fair. Projects and experiments ranged from straw bridges, color chromatography to bubbles and boats.

Students used the Scientific Method to complete their experiments. The process includes writing a question to investigate, doing some research about the subject, making a hypothesis, setting up an experiment, collecting data and making a conclusion. The students all enjoyed the fair and working on their projects.

— Trisha Halverson



Above left: Chetara with her first place project. *Above:* Matthew experimenting with momentum.

Left: Ashley experimenting with bubbles.



Destination Imagination

Our Destination Imagination Team from Rice Hall took second place at the Central Regional Tournament! The team received an excellent score of 203 points out of a possible 225 points for their performance. "Cartoon Dimensions" in which cartoon characters the team created came to life. The team also had to solve an "Instant Challenge" in which the team's ability to solve a problem spontaneously was judged. They have earned a trip to the State Destination Imagination Tournament in Joplin, MO on April 17 (our spring break, naturally). They are MSD Proud!

Special thanks to those who volunteered their time to make it happen — Nancy Carr, appraiser, David Haus, appraiser, Julie Bower, interpreter, and Homer Galbreath, bus driver. Luke, thanks for the food for our energy!

— Jill Haus, Trisha Halverson, Marilyn Barnard

DI team waits for the awards ceremony at Wright City High School. Front row: Brenda. Second row: Cleve, Haley, Chetara. Third row: Jill Haus, coach; Zachary, Jarrell, Julie Bower, interpreter; Johnny, Trish Halverson, coach.



Jr. NAD National Conference

Frannie, Kyle and Sponsor Ellen Foshay



On November 4-9 we went to Washington D.C. for the 2003 annual Junior National Association for the Deaf (Jr. NAD) National Conference. On November 4 we left around 10:30am to St. Louis' Lambert International Airport to board our flight to Baltimore, Maryland.

When we got there, we were the last group to arrive, so there was a bus waiting for us. We went to Union Station to eat since we had not eaten almost all day. After we finished dinner at Union Station, we took the bus to Gallaudet University. We arrived at the Kellogg Conference Hotel, which is a hotel owned by Gallaudet University with hotel rooms and conference rooms. We had to wait for a while because they didn't have our name tags and hotel room keys set up for us. Then we went to the ballroom for the

icebreaker party to socialize and meet new friends from different schools for the deaf around the country.

While we were in D.C. we had workshops about many different topics, such as Multitasking; Leadership and Advocacy; How to Run Meetings; Team Building activities; Empowerment; The Power of Being Positive; and Translucent. The presenters were Deaf leaders who came from all over the country. Some of them worked at Gallaudet, MSSD, and some of them lived in other states. The workshops were about an hour each, about 4 workshops a day. Some workshops were fascinating and we learned a lot from those Deaf leaders.

We took a tour of Gallaudet University. The guide showed us a lot of cool things around campus. There was Chapel Hall, The Tower Clock, The

Thomas H. Gallaudet Statue, and much more. He also explained a lot about the history of the buildings around Gallaudet, also they have a door that looks like a coffin. Freshmen walk through it and if they actually walk through it then they normally don't graduate. But if they don't walk through it then they will graduate. Do you think it's true? The tour of the campus and the sites were awesome and was very interesting. We also took a tour of MSSD, which was pretty cool. The school looks pretty much like a normal high school, except it's all deaf!!

The second day of the conference, we had workshops, as usual. That night, we went to the Pentagon City mall in Virginia, which was awesome, the mall was so HUGE!! The food court was bigger than any food court I've ever



seen! We went shopping for a few hours, and then went back to the hotel.

On Friday, we went to NAD (National Association of the Deaf) Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland to take a tour and learned more what the people at NAD do. We met Kelby Brick who is an attorney at law at NAD. We had pizza for lunch then were divided into two groups. One group was to create a new logo for Jr. NAD. The other group was to come up with new ideas of what kind of "bill" to bring up for the upcoming NAD conference in Kansas City, MO in July. We didn't realize how small the office was but they said hopefully to move to a bigger place.

On Friday night, Jr. NAD held a Mr. and Mrs. Jr. NAD Pageant; the interested contestants would go and practice for about an hour every day, those who were not involved worked on the daily newsletter. The contestants did a very good job, but, unfortunately, only 2 could win. Mrs. Jr. NAD was Mickie Brunton from Kentucky and Mr. Jr. NAD was Jamil Hague from Rochester, New York.

On Saturday, we went to D.C. Mall for the day. We saw many famous monuments and buildings, such as the Capitol Building, The White House, The Lincoln Memorial, The Vietnam Wall and The Washington Monument. It was very interesting to see all those important establishments in our country's history. We took the subway back to Union Station. Boy, that was complicated as the sponsors told us to figure out our way back and the cost. It was fun and thank goodness we made our way back without getting lost!

After our trip to D.C. Mall, we had a General Meeting for the Jr. NAD members to make decisions about the future of Jr. NAD. We discussed the next National Conference (which will be in 2 years), whether seniors should go to the conference or not (which was a HUGE debate, lots of people got mad). At last, they decided to allow seniors to attend the conference since it would be held in the fall. A lot of things were discussed which will help the future of JR. NAD. We had the

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Frannie and Kyle buy their subway ticket to get back to Union Station

opportunity to select and vote two Jr. NAD representatives to attend the NAD conference in Kansas City, MO. Also, while we were there we had the chance to meet Tyese Wright, Miss Deaf America. She was nice and took a picture with us in front of the Washington Monument.

On the last night of the convention a banquet was held. After the banquet we watched a performance by an all Deaf dance troupe known as Rathskeller who have traveled all over the world. The group consisted of five people including one MSD Alumni from the Class of 2001, JoAnn Benfield. The performance was fast-paced and exciting.

We had a good time and learned a lot about improving Jr. NAD. Also, they taught us how to improve ourselves and become a better leader and a better person. But that's not all we learned, it was like a time warp through the city because of the monuments and the memorials.

The trip was worth it and interesting to see. If you get a chance, take that opportunity to go and see for yourself.

The next Jr. NAD Conference will be held at the Indiana School for the Deaf sometime in the fall of 2005.



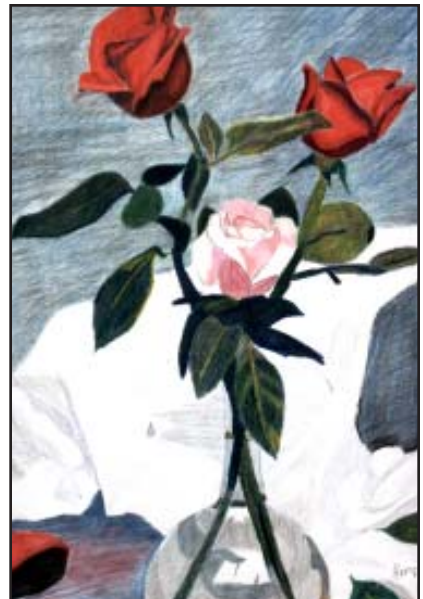
Above: Kyle and Frannie participated in one of the team building activities to build a tower — it was quite a challenge.



Student Art Work on Display at DESE

This article is continued from last month showing the rest of the art work that was on displayed at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Educations' offices in Jefferson during the fall semester. The students' work selected met the appropriate requirements and quality to be on display,

Right: Trudy's *Frog*. Center left: Frannie's *Stary* and Trudie's *Toucan*. Center right: Trudie's *Cheta*. Bottom row: Monielle's *Teapot*; Sarah's *Cat*.



MSD Alumna's Poems Speak of War and Womanhood

Colin Suchland, *Fulton Sun*



Laura Catherine Redden

As MSD celebrates the birthday of one of its most famous alumni Laura Redden Searing, a book featuring her poems edited by Judy Yaeger Jones and Jane E. Vallier has just been published by Gallaudet University Press. Below is a review by Colin E. Suchland of the *Fulton Sun*.

Considering her notoriety among a generation of American readers and that her fans included the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, the wonder is that Laura Redden Searing is not better known.

"*Sweet Bells Jangled*" — a recent poetry collection published by Gallaudet University Press — is an opportunity to rediscover Searing, who graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1858. An illness had stolen her hearing at age 12.

Turning down an opportunity to teach at MSD and several suitors, Searing went on to a career as Civil War correspondent for the *St. Louis Republic* under the pen name Howard Glyndon.

But with her poetry — published in periodicals and later in several volumes — Searing would find a voice in league with the best-known bards of her time, which include Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman.

Her first book of verse, "*Idyls of Battle and Poem of Rebellion*," was published to acclaim in 1864. On the title page were these words:

God! how this land grows rich in loyal blood
Poured out upon it to its utmost length:
The incense of a nation's sacrifice—
The wrested offering of a nation's strength!
It is the costliest land beneath the sun!
Tis priceless, purchaseless! And not a rood
But hath its title written clear, and signed
In some slain hero's consecrated blood!

Searing takes on the persona of a woman awaiting her soldier's return and later mourns those who would not come home in subsequent poems. In verse, she celebrated Lincoln's mustering of blacks, including freed slaves, into military service with "*The President's Proclamation*."

Lift up the bowed, desponding head,
O long-enduring race!
Let the meek sufferance of your eyes
Abash the tyrant's face.
Take courage, O despairing race!
The tides of fortune turn,
When white men take in kindly clasp
The hand they used to spurn!

Other poems glorify battlefield sacrifices with rallying cries like "Hurrah! for the Red, White and Blue."

It is understandable that Americans of the era would find comfort in such passion and patriotism. Lincoln is said to have written his compliments of Searing, and the two held a correspondence for some years.

But despite the appeal of Searing's war poems, this collection's namesake is very much its heart. "*Sweet Bells Jangled*" — an epic poem in both substance and form — traces the course of one woman's life through some 59 pages of verse.

In "*A Girl's Subterfuges*," the youthful everywoman rebuffs chiding matrons admonitions of marriage and childbirth with, "Sober matrons!

thoughtful mothers! / Liberty is sweet to me!"

Contemporary women may find themselves in this shortly following line: "I am 19 to-day (sic). I'm growing old. / I saw the merest phantom of a wrinkle ? Between my brows this morning . . ."

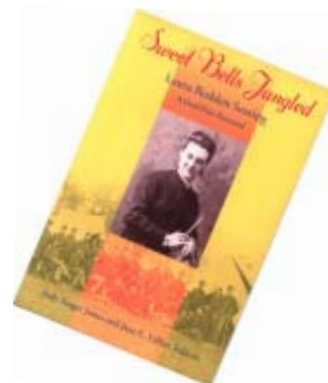
But such vanity is lost by life's end, as our narrator has become the aged matron.

When you shall come some morning
And stand beside my bed,
And see the wonderful pallor
That over my face is spread,
Shrink not. But remember I said
I was weary.

Co-editors Judy Yaeger Jones and Jane E. Vallier contribute a biography and critical essay on Searing making "*Sweet Bells Jangled*" an excellent introduction to a poet who should not be relegated to history's footnotes.

—Colin Suchland

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1st Annual Laura Redden Searing Birthday Celebration

The 1st Annual Laura Redden Searing Birthday Celebration was held in Ingle Auditorium February 9, 2004 for the entire student body and staff. Below are the Closing Remarks given by Superintendent Barbara Garrison:

“My intrigue with this Laura Redden Searing began very soon after I arrived here. Dick Reed, retired administrator and historian, gave me a personal tour of the museum. Like many people, the first thing I saw when I entered the museum was an old saddle.

I love horseback riding, so I immediately went to see why a saddle was in the museum and found out that the saddle was used by a 1858 MSD graduate to ride from battlefield to battlefield during the Civil War as a reporter.

It was fascinating to me that a woman had that job. It was even more intriguing to think about a woman who was deaf having that job.

This woman who was deaf rode on horseback from area to area, talking with soldiers and writing stories for newspapers and personal editorials. Well, I had to know more about this woman so I did my homework.

I found out that Laura Redden Searing did all that (and more) using written notes to communicate except for the times she used sign language that she learned as a student at the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD).

I learned that after graduation, she turned down an offer to be a teacher at MSD, but that when she was offered a job at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, she moved back home to St. Louis to live with her family.

Her graduation and first job were at a time when the United States was in the middle of a debate over slavery that soon led us into the Civil War.

Missouri was divided in its support of the war. Laura believed that most Missourians wanted peace not war and



Top: The Redden House. Center left: Helen signs “The Quiet Man”. Center right: Brannndon portrays General Grant. Below: Stark students Alex, Nick, Kevin and Clayton sign Happy Birthday.



began to share her opinions on the war in poems and writings.

She used a man's name (Howard Glyndon) for her writings, not just to hide the fact that she was a woman, but because almost everyone who wrote about political debates used a fake name ... just like Samuel Clemens, who used the name Mark Twain for his writings.

The Civil War created many opportunities for African Americans and for both northern and southern women. Women fought as soldiers; served as spies; cooked, fed, nursed, and sewed for thousands of wounded soldiers; endured hardships for their children and homes; and founded hospitals and organizations that continue to serve today.

For Laura, the Civil War allowed her to enter an established place held by men who could hear and her writings were so impressive that her St. Louis newspaper sent her to Washington, DC as a reporter during the Civil War and she published her first book of poetry. For more than four years, people became familiar with Laura as she traveled on horseback, visiting battlefields, speaking to soldiers by writing notes about what they had seen and experienced. She interviewed many, many people but the most famous were General Ulysses S. Grant and President Abraham Lincoln.

After the war, Laura went to Europe in 1865 where she continued to write stories for the St. Louis newspaper, two New York newspapers and various magazines. She also collected material for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the orange and silkworm culture and learned French, German, Italian, and Spanish languages.

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Top left: Laura's saddle. Top right: Kira signs Laura's poem, "A Farewell". Top left: Laura Redden played by Rosa interviews Abraham Lincoln; Lincoln played by Angelo; Guards are Nick (left), Kevin (right) and bystander Kyle (center). Middle left: After the presentation everyone was invited to tour the Burney L. Fishback Museum. Below left: Students and staff enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream in the Eagles nest following the program.

Alumni News by Julie Eaker



Connie Gillett and Bill Flatt pictured together at their 30th class reunion at Gallaudet University's Homecoming football game in October — Connie sends a message that William Hatfield was also in attendance.

Brenda Jo Falgier, '89, and her partner Joy Spurlin are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Jo Spurlin Falgier, who was born on May 15, 2003 in Iowa City, IA. Falgier is currently a faculty member with the American Sign Language Program at the University of Iowa.

Faith Pulliam a 1998 graduate was honored by K-Mart in Jefferson City as "Employee of the Year." A banquet was held in her honor. The highlight of this recognition was an interview by Channel 8 TV on March 9. Congratulations to Faith for a job well done.

Obituaries

MSD alumnus Eugene Hughes, Class of 1954, died January 11, 2004, at the age of 69. He was born August 13, 1934 in Piedmont, Missouri. He married his classmate, Melba Schelp. She survives. He was a teacher of the deaf and owner of dry cleaning establishments in Virginia and

Missouri. In 1980 in Virginia he was ordained as a pastor. Besides his wife Melba, Eugene is also survived by three daughters, Bonnie Kramer, Patty Hughes-Culligan, and Mary Hughes; a son, Billy Hughes; eight grandchildren; two brothers; and a sister. He was ordained as a pastor in 1980 in Virginia. He was founder and pastor of the deaf program at the Deaf Missionary Program in West Hampton, Virginia. Later he was pastor of the deaf program at the First Baptist Church of Olathe, Kansas.

Memorial services were held January 16, at First Baptist Church of Olathe, KS.

—*Kansas City Star*

Martha Louise (Call) Kelley, a resident at John Knox Village Care Center, went to be with her Lord on December 22, 2003. Martha was born August 17, 1918, in Trenton, MO. She graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf in May 1937. She married J. Paul Kelley on June 3, 1937. Martha, cherished wife and mother, will always

be remembered for her gentle sweet spirit.

Martha's immediate family who preceded her in death are her husband John Paul Kelley, son Marvin D. Kelley, and daughter Mary Lou Kelley Wilson. Martha's immediate family includes her oldest daughter Betty K. Scofield and her husband William L. Scofield of Lee's Summit, MO; brother H. Ray Call and his wife Rosemary Call of Woodbridge, CT; grandchildren Steve McGuire, Brian McGuire, Susan LaFollette, Chris McGuire, Kristine Kelley, and Jason Kelley; great-grandchildren Angela, Ashley, Joshua, Autumn, Jeremy, John, Daniel, Chris, Marc, Sammy, and Blaine. Martha's family wishes to acknowledge the nurses of Kansas City Hospice, nursing staff of the 100 Hall at John Knox Village Care Center, and two very gracious friends, Gloria Guzman and Debra Person, as part of Martha's caring family. Graveside services were held Friday, December 26 at Lee's Summit with Pastor Charles Funderburk of First Baptist Raytown presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorials to either Kansas City Hospice or John Knox Village Care Center Nursing Staff.

—*Kansas City Star*

Roberto Carlos Terrazas, 51, born May 11, 1952, died February 17, 2004, at Scottsdale Hospital in Arizona. Memorial services were held 11 a.m. Thursday, February 26, at North Overland Park Baptist Church, 7910 W. 75th St., Overland Park, KS. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Deaf Liberty Baptist Church, 19105 E. Roxsburg Lane, Independence, MO 64058. Mr. Terrazas was the son of Ludivina Legarreta Terrazas, who survives him, and James G. Terrazas, who preceded him in death on May 19, 2003. Mr. Terrazas was the brother of James L. Terrazas, Jr., Edward G. Terrazas, Angelica I. Caton, who survive, and Irene G. Terrazas, who preceded him in death. He graduated in 1971 from Missouri School for the Deaf.

Missouri Record

He was employed by the Lighthouse in Seattle, WA.

—*Kansas City Star* on 2/25/2004.
KCDEAF NEWS

Dorothy Hyde

The wife of MSD alumnus Don Hyde, '42, died January 21, 2004. She had retired from the Social Security Administration (SSA) in 1997 at the age of 72. Dorothy and Don were married for 56 years.

Condolence cards may be sent to: Don Hyde, 3107 NW 57th Terrace, Gladstone, MO 64118.

Marvin Bastean

The MSD family extends its sympathy to Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean, Class of 1968, and Judy and other family members in the death of his brother Marvin Bastean of Pacific, Missouri. Marvin died Sunday, February 22, 2004, at the age of 52. Other survivors include his mother, Helen Bastean; his wife Michelle; his brother Melvin Bastean, MSD Class of 1970, and wife Martha (Anderek), MSD Class of 1973; a son; two daughters; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held February 28, 2004 at Willa Ridge Baptist Church in Villa Ridge, MO.

Lloyd Greninger

MSD alumnus Lloyd Greninger, MSD Class of 1965 and Gallaudet University Class of 1969, died February 3, 2004. He was 56 years old. He is survived by his mother, Christina Craft; a brother, Woody Greninger; two nieces; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father, Woodrow W. Greninger. Following graduation from Gallaudet, Lloyd worked for the 3M Company in Columbia, Missouri, as a laboratory assistant. In 1980 he moved to EagleRock, Missouri, to be near his family and lived there until his death.

Thomas E. Short

MSD alumnus Thomas E. Short, MSD Class of 1950, passed away February 24, 2004. His wife was the former Annie Eagleson, MSD Class of 1952. Besides his wife, Tom is survived

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MSD's Oldest Living Alum



Nancy Arazona (Bodenhammer '26) Hierholzer was born in 1901 and is believed to be MSD's oldest graduate. She was in the same class as Arthur Merklin who taught in the Vocational Department. Pictured above with Zona is Lori (Sitler '86) Graff and Kim Whitley '2000. Thanks to Bobby Graff for the picture. Zona is the oldest living alumni at age 102.

by two sons; two daughters; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother; and two sisters. For many years and almost to the time of his death, Tom was active in the concerns of Deaf Missourians. He held offices in the Missouri Association of the Deaf and was a member of the board of Fulton's Deaf Apartments.

David Hight

David B. Hight, 37, Fenton, Missouri, died Monday, March 15 while on vacation in Colorado. He was born December 29, 1967, in Union, Missouri. He is survived by his mother Barbara Mitana, his father Paul Hight, his brother Mark and wife Catherine, two twin nephews, Shane and Sean, and many other relatives and friends.

He received his early education at Union School District and graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD) in 1986. He worked at the Post Office in St. Louis for 16 years as a clerk.

He was an outstanding athlete at MSD in all sports, namely football, basketball and track. He received numerous awards and recognition for

Attention Alumni Class of 1994

The class of 1994 is planning its tenth year reunion in the fall. If you have any ideas about time and date please contact Tara Bennett at:

tbennett@stjoelive.com

contributions as an energetic and dedicated leader at MSD. One of his amazing accomplishments in his senior year was winning 3rd place in state track in the 300m hurdles still with a limp after suffering a broken leg during football season earlier that year.

He attended Gallaudet University for one and half years as a prep student at north west campus. He played football as a freshman there.

A private funeral was held by his family and relatives in Colorado.



Former Foreign Exchange Student Visits MSD

Anton Wenhold attended MSD during the 1984-1985 school years as a foreign exchange student. At the time he attended MSD he was from Pretoria, South Africa. He presently lives in the United Kingdom of England.

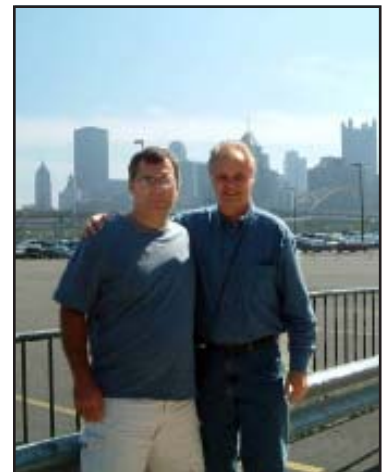
Many friends throughout the United States had the pleasure of visiting with him during the month of September.

He landed in St. Louis where he met Elaine Creed Jennings (Class of 1987) she took him to have lunch with Pat Day (Class of 1988), and then off to Fulton for two weeks. While in Fulton he visited many on the MSD campus and had the privilege of meeting with Superintendent Barbara Garrison and learned of the many changes that have taken place on MSD's campus, especially in the field of technology. While in Fulton he saw many former classmates, and staff members. He attended the MSD football game against WSD.

In between his Fulton visit he flew to San Francisco where Kevin Clark (Class of 1987) showed him the sights. The Golden Gate Bridge was an awesome sight that gave him goosebumps. He enjoyed an extended stay with Kevin and his sister Darline Clark (Class of 1989) in Sacramento. Kevin and his sister Darline teach ASL at two different universities — Kevin at Sacramento City College and Darline at the American River College. Anton gave a



Top left: Anton dined with Marthda Reed and Richard Reed at the Missouri University Alumni Club. Left: Jill Haus, Anton and David Haus at the football game. Top right: First row: Patrick Day, Anton Wenhold. Second row: Naomi Spencer, Janice Hill, Elaine Jennings Creed, Javier Torres, Becky Vahle Torres, Sharman Hill Day, Angie Torres and Kevin Spencer. Center right: Anton with Bob and Barbara Morrison. Bottom right: Donald and Gundi Britts (parents of Elaine Creed) surprised Anton with a wonderful German meal joined by Elaine's sister and brother-in-law.



Top left: Ceri-Jayne Hawley from South Africa now living in Pennsylvania. **Top right:** Granny Balk, John Balk, daughter Elizabeth and Cheryl Balk. **Center, left:** Pat O'Rourke and husband Earl invited Anton for dinner. **Center, middle:** Kevin Clark and Anton by the Golden Gate Bridge. **Center right:** Anton and Gui Goncalves his former babysitter pictured with the Pittsburgh skyline behind them. **Above:** First row: Billy Knight, Wendy Paubel, Trinity Lange, Tara Lange, Sharman Hill, Christie Creed, Elaine Jennings Creed. Second row: Tiffany Lange, Tyler Creed and Chad Day.

presentation at both institutions about the difference between British Sign Language (BSL) versus American Sign Language (ASL) and African Sign Language (SASL).

Then off to Fremont where he surprised and visited with former MSD instructors Bob and Barbara Morrison and enjoyed a tour of their home. After a stay in California he flew to Ohio to visit former MSD Principal John Balk and his wife Cheryl who was a teacher in Rice. While at the Balks, Granny Virginia took him to a retirement home for the Deaf in Columbus. He entertained them by answering questions about his former home in Africa. He felt that was a real blessing and enjoyed chatting with them.

Off to Pennsylvania where one of the highlights of his trip was a visit to former classmate Ceri-Jayne Hawley from South Africa and one of his former baby-sitters and best man in his wedding. Then off for home after a great trip and back to work where he works for an American firm called EDS (Electronic Digital System) — where he is an Infrastructure Specialist/Analyst Consultant.

Winter Craft Activity Held at Stark

South Callaway Academy students hosted a winter crafts activity December 12 and met their pen pals at Stark School. The group of high school students planned the event with their teacher, Mrs. VanOrden. The Stark students enjoyed meeting their pen pals which they have corresponded with this school year. They made bird feeders, painted cookies and snowflakes as part of the event.

Top right: The first grade class paints cookies.

Center right: The Kindergarten 2 class makes snowflakes.

“LEGO Etiquette and Teaching”

Stark School students recently participated in a study conducted by doctoral student, Amy McDaniel. The topic of her dissertation is: “How An Elementary Group Interacts with LEGO LOGO Activities: A Case Study.”

Under Ms. McDaniel’s direction the students built LEGO manipulatives that moved using LOGO, a computer program. How the students solved problems, interacted within the group and shared responsibilities was the focus of her observations. Although the full results of this study will not be known until further analysis, Amy stated that “it was interesting to see how the students divided themselves up into smaller groups and came back together to look at the project as a whole. One group constructed the electrical component while the others made cars on a more individual level.”

Ms. McDaniel taught at Missouri School for the Deaf from 1990-1993. She plans on graduating in the spring of 2004 with a doctorate in Instructional Technology Curriculum Evaluation from the University of Tennessee. She hopes to continue devoting her time to both research and teaching.



Ms. McDaniel discusses the project with Hopkin— DeShawn and Kenrick on a project in the background.

MSD and Local Garden Club

The Fulton Garden Club sponsored a poetry contest for 3rd and 4th grade students. Victoria (3rd grade) and Sevilla (4th grade) won their level of participation at Missouri School for the Deaf. Both entries will be submitted to the district competition. Each student received a certificate and a prize.

Flowers

By: Victoria

I like flowers
Pretty flowers.
Flowers smell good.
Beautiful colors.
Sweet smells in summer.
Grow from seeds.
I love flowers.

About Watermelons

By: Sevilla

Some seeds.
Juice inside.
Juice all over (my) body.
Black seeds.
Pink and red and green.
I like watermelon.
It tastes very good.
I like it sweet.



Pictured from top clockwise: Nancy Gerhart signs "wonderful" as she presents the awards. Victoria reading her award. Sevilla admires her prize, a flower .



Stark School Celebrates Black History Month

Missouri School for the Deaf celebrated Black History Month. The impact of Rosa Parks peaceful resistance changed history and was demonstrated in the students' dramatization of the Rosa Parks' story, the Montgomery Alabama Bus Boycott, the walk on Washington, and Martin Luther King's speech. Fourth grade students also reported on famous African Americans such as Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, Kobe Bryant, and Elijah McCoy.

Bottom row: Seated, Lindsey and Jessica.
Standing: Victoria, Kiara, Kenrick, and Zakary.



National Honor Society and Student Council Project

Mission Statement — Students at MSD who are in National Honor Society and Student Council are encouraged to do two or more community service projects a year. Due to the tremendous success of care packages sent to U.S. soldiers in Iraq in December, students have chosen to send care packages in April of this year. The first project is described below along with excerpts from thank you letters received from Kosovo and Iraq.

—Betty Sullivan

Community Service

In honor of our service men overseas MSD students worked diligently to raise money for postage to send 20 packages to soldiers overseas. Students sold ornaments, gift bags and pins on campus and in the community to raise money to pay the postage for most of the items sent.

Names of soldiers in Iraq were collected from staff and friends. One soldier is not in Iraq but in Kosovo. They said they couldn't turn down any soldier's name!

Frannie Hemp of Fulton, a Junior and National Honor Society member at MSD challenged herself to write letters to all of the 19 soldiers. She says: "It is a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for what they do for us."

Each package included many letters from both students and staff. Students packed the packages on Monday, December 22. Although the packages will not get out in time for Christmas, they are needed regardless of when sent. Packages contained some of the following items: Hard candy, flea collars, band aids, Tylenol, baby wipes,



lip balm, lotion, beef jerky, tube socks, and more. The biggest item asked for was "letters" — a taste of home. Students all over campus were encouraged to write letters. It is felt students at MSD now have a better understanding of the conditions our soldiers are experiencing.

Letter from Kosovo,

I want to thank all of those who wrote to me, it was a pleasant surprise! I sincerely apologize for not writing sooner and for not being able to respond to each individual that wrote.

Kosovo is an interesting country and is sometimes very difficult to understand. Our mission here is keep the Serbian and Kosovar Albanian peoples from killing each other. At the surface it would seem that religion is the key to the conflict but in reality, it is not a big factor. The Serbians are mostly Eastern Orthodox while the Albanians are mostly Muslim. Truthfully, neither are all that committed to their religion but will use it as a tool to keep the conflict from being settled.

Many other factors are at work in this area: a poor economy, pressure from the Serbian government, a misguided sense of the past and a reliance on outsiders to resolve their problems. The Albanians love KFOR (the multinational force sent to keep the peace), especially US KFOR and mostly dislike the UN.

The people are very poor and rely primarily on wood to heat their homes. The electricity is intermittent and is off more than on in the rural areas. Unemployment is around 80%. Interpreters that work for the US make more than doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. Crime families are tightly interwoven into the fabric of society in Kosovo and are very difficult to penetrate.

Not all is doom and gloom here. There is some progress but it is painfully slow. I did get a chance to go to Sofia, Bulgaria for four days! It was

the first time that I didn't have to work since July and it was a lot of fun. Bulgaria is full of history and incredible Orthodox Churches that are so different from our own in the US. Their culture is somewhat different than ours but people are still people.

To sum everything up, I would have to admit that I think we have made a difference here and I am proud to have served but I will be very glad to get home!

Letter from Iraq

Just wanted to drop a line and thank you for the letters and items you sent. Being in the RAQ, it's always good to hear from "back home", particularly when they send Beef Jerky. I say back home even though I've never been to Missouri. In fact, aside from my cousin, Allan Ensor and his father, I don't even think I know anyone from Missouri. (Marshall Faulk doesn't count. Either way, having been in Iraq for almost a year, not to mention being stationed in Northern Italy for the past 2 1/2, there's been times when I've actually asked people what country I'm in. Living this way really makes you appreciate our country and how good we have it. So, regardless of whether it's my home state of Maryland, Missouri, or someplace in Wyoming, it's all home.

Heard from a couple of students, claiming to have some skills on the court. I play a little ball myself, used to run the point in High School for the the intra mural team my platoon had in Italy, I'd like to say I'm good, but considering I make \$2.25 an hour to get shot at, and LeBron James makes \$90 million just to wear a pair of shoes, I guess I'm not that good. Oh well, I'll bet LeBron's never jumped out of a plane into a hostile country, and doesn't carry enough firepower to level a good sized house instantaneously, either.

Thanks for the letters and snacks, I am grateful to all of you for thinking of me. Enclosed are some dinar, Iraqi currency as a souvenir for you.



Reading to Deaf Children

Lucille Blackwell, Priscilla Robinson and Wendy Jensen have collaborated to share the 15 Principles of Reading to Deaf Children, as developed by the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, with a group of Wheeler students who will demonstrate their skills by presenting stories to the Stark students.

Two sessions have been completed, and three more are scheduled. One of the activities involved retelling the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

The only catch was that the students had to do this without sign and without English! While a few of the boys were reluctant to play the role of the little girl, Goldilocks, in front of their male peers, Kevin Wolfe came through with a superb rendition of Goldilocks trying porridge from each of the bears' bowls until she found the one that was neither too hot nor too cold! Kevin skillfully demonstrated how all of the main ideas could be conveyed through gesture and expression alone.

The classes were very productive and generated some discussion about the development of literacy in deaf children and how older deaf students can serve as role models for those who are just beginning to learn how to read. Students in these classes will follow-up by choosing a story, analyzing it, and preparing a performance that incorporates the principles for the Stark students.



Cory, Angelo, Frannie, and Brittany perform a group rendition of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. (1) Cory played the role of Goldilocks, while the other students took on the roles of Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear, respectively. After enjoying the perfect bowl of porridge, and (2) breaking Baby Bear's chair, (3) Goldilocks was discovered napping in Baby Bear's bed. (4) But before the bears were able to confront her, (5) Goldilocks made her getaway, never to be seen by the bears again.

—Wendy Jensen



Moore Reads to Students

Representative Moore from the 20th Legislative District visited Missouri School for the Deaf to promote the *Missouri Reads* program. *Missouri Reads* is sponsored by Scholastic Book Company.

Representative Moore pledged to read to school children and in return Scholastic provided free books for all of the children to take home. "Reading is the key to our children's future," stated Moore, who taught in Missouri schools for 28 years before serving in the House of Representatives.

She left the students with three words of advice about reading, "Practice, practice, practice".



Pictured: Representative Moore and sign language interpreter, Judy Benfield.

Surprise Retirement Party for Judy Ebersole

Rice School staff and students planned a surprise retirement party on Halloween for me. I thought I was coming to a “special student council program” in the multi-purpose room at Rice School. Many of my family members came as a surprise to me and to enjoy the morning reminiscing.

Students and staff from across the campus wrote “memories” or “I’ll miss you . . .” notes and presented them to her.

Jill Haus, teacher at Rice School, was emcee of the program which began by opening an MSD history book which began “*The Life of Judy Ebersole and Her Contributions to MSD*.” Numerous mini-skits were created and performed by Rice students. Barbara Jones played the role of Mrs. Ebersole through many phases of my life and activities at MSD. Some of the skits included sponsor of: cheerleading, student council, mini-SOS, my role as teacher aide, new mom, graduate and teacher, Process Coordinator, winner of the “pie in the face” contest and other memorable teaching experiences at Wheeler and Rice Schools.

The party ended with refreshments for all — the table was decorated in the theme of a “teacher retirement” and featured a centerpiece made with food and goodies created by Janet Healy, art teacher at Rice.

A surprise noon luncheon was hosted by Rice Hall staff featuring foods that I prepared annually and hosted a Rice Student Council BBQ (hot dogs, hamburger, salad, deviled eggs, nachos and cheese) and beautifully decorated “big cookies” for everyone to enjoy.

When asked how I would describe the event and performance. I said, “The adult characters added a certain flare to the effectiveness of the entertainment. Jill Haus, as herself, was ‘SUPERB’ and the portrayal of Mrs. Ebersole by Barbara Jones was a ‘BRAVO’ performance.



Top: Nikki and Valen read their greetings to Judy. **Center left:** Ryan wishes Judy well by presenting her with a card. **Center right:** STUCO President Johnny gives Judy a big farewell hug. **Below left:** Former students Nathan and Zach wish her well. **Below right:** Barbara Jones portrays Judy in the classroom.

The cast of students who participated in the skit were ‘FABULOUS’. The use of props was original and true to form. I laughed because these people know me so well and have been with me for 28 years. They know my downfalls as well as my accomplishments.

I am stunned that the students and the faculty have worked so hard in putting together and presenting this performance. I am appreciative to all

who took time out of their schedules to be here for me. I am tearful because of the farewell notes and gifts the students and faculty sent, wishing me well in my retirement. Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.”

—Judy Ebersole



Sympathies Extended to MSD Families in the Loss of Their Loved Ones

The MSD staff, faculty and students extend their sympathy to the following families in the death of their loved ones.

William Walter "Bill" Bleifuss, the husband of retired MSD high school teacher Mary Ellen Bleifuss, died Thursday, October 23, 2003, in Schofield, Wisconsin. He was born August 7, 1923, in Rochester, Minnesota, to Dr. Walter F. Bleifuss and Lydia Lubahn Bleifuss. He married Mary Ellen Alexander of Minneapolis, on June 23, 1954, in Darmstadt, Germany. Mr. Bleifuss grew up on the family farm and graduated from Stewartville High School in 1939 and Winona State College in 1943. They are the parents of four children.

After serving in the U.S. Army he began graduate school where he was awarded a Ph.D. in English Literature. In 1950, he joined the faculty of Westminster College in Fulton as teacher of English.

A remembrance service for family was held in Schofield, on October 25. A remembrance service for family was held in Schofield, on October 25. A memorial service was held November 29, at the Church of Mary Aldermanbury at Westminster College in Fulton.

Jean Page Sheals, 83, of Columbia and formerly of Fulton, died Saturday, February 7, 2004, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. She was born June 7, 1920 in Marshfield, a daughter of the late David and Bennette (Shanks) Hamilton. She married William Sheals in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Mrs. Sheals retired from the Missouri School for the Deaf after 18 years of teaching and was then a homemaker. She was a veteran of the U.S. Women's Army Association, and enjoyed sewing and fly-fishing.

Memorial services were 2 p.m. at Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Fulton.

Robert Moore, 82, Fulton, Missouri passed away December 4, 2004 at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. In addition to his wife of 60 years, he will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his son Timothy Moore, his daughter MSD teacher Betty Sullivan, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mr. Moore was a member of Providence Rural United Methodist Church, a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion and a Mason.

Former MSD employee **Mamie Louise Black Pasley** died January 23, 2004 at the age of 81. She was born January 28, 1922, in Fulton, Missouri. On June 13, 1941, she married Cornell D. Pasley, Sr.; he preceded her in death on May 4, 1980. Survivors include three sons, two daughters, two brothers, four sisters, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She worked at MSD as a cook from 1974 to 1987.

Mamie was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was also active in numerous civil rights and humanitarian organizations such as the Fulton Human Rights Commission. She received the NAACP Community Service Award in 2003.

Former MSD employee **Henry Elwood Backer** passed away January 21, 2004, at the age of 76. He was born February 27, 1927, in Callaway County. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. He was a night watchman at MSD, working part-time 1972-87 and full-time 1987-97. He was an active member of the Southside Baptist Church in Fulton. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

The MSD family mourns with Joan Bowman, Adaptive Behavior Specialist, at the tragic loss of her father, **James Ingram**, who died of head injuries after falling outdoors. He passed away Feb 21, 2004 in Barnegat, New Jersey.

Soaring Eagle Award

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also! He will now be a candidate for MSD's Soaring Eagle of the Year and DESE's Employee of the Year awards."

January Soaring Eagle 2004 — Per her nominator — "Debbie goes above and beyond the call of duty to achieve excellence with her students. She has worked during her plan time, after hours and holidays to get ready for art exhibits. Debbie supports her students and staff with their artistic abilities. She even encourages others to pursue their art hobbies. Debbie never complains about the extra hours she works. She is definitely a fine example for the Soaring Eagle Award."

February Soaring Eagle 2004 — Per her nominator — "Cathy has worked in the Media Department for 23 years. She has always been ready and willing to learn new things and ideas to improve her work and keep up with the latest innovations in her field. It is her natural artistic ability that makes her work truly praiseworthy. Additionally, Cathy's ongoing contributions to the community deserve recognition as well. She is a very energetic individual and her life is very focused on children. Through her volunteer work, she has had a tremendous influence on many."

March Soaring Eagle 2003 — Per his nominator — "Bob has always been very flexible in meeting the needs of our students. He is willing to work with our students from early morning to late at night in order to meet their needs. Bob is a prime example of an employee that does whatever it takes to allow our students to find success. He does it all for them!" Congratulations Bob!



Girls Scouts at Branson

Girls Scout troop 690 activities started out slow this year due to sports activities, after school meetings and other extracurricular activities. In December 2003 the scouts took a trip to Branson, MO.

Going on the trip with leaders Nancy Baker and Patty Atteberry were Kira Roberts, Paige Averhoff, Bethany Wills, and Rocky Bartholet – Deanna Berry was unable to attend.

We left MSD at 2:30 pm and arrived in Branson at 6:30 that evening. After unpacking we went to the Dolly Parton Dixie Stampede. We enjoyed a pre-show before the actual show began. We enjoyed watching a man about 70 years of age and 6' 5" tall performing rope tricks. He lassoed horses, jumped rope with the lasso and rode a unicycle while jumping rope with the lasso. The girls were mesmerized with what they saw.

After the pre-show we were escorted to a room upstairs where the girls found bleachers set up with a dinner plate, soup bowl, napkins, cups, glasses and no silverware. We were instructed that they would have to use their fingers to eat. We enjoyed roasted

chicken, bar-b-cue tenderloin, roasted potatoes, corn on the cob, hot rolls, soda and or coffee with apple turnovers for dessert. The waiters and waitresses were dressed as elves. During the meal the show began with a horse show, a pig race and men and women riding in buckboards performing stunts.

The master of ceremonies named each side of the auditorium — North Pole and South Pole. We had races and different activities trying to prove which elves side watteras the loudest. We got to shout and kick the tables and make whatever noises we wanted. We were on the South Pole side and we lost by one point. The Christmas show was magical with ice skaters coming down from the ceiling on a special ice platform to a manger scene with live camels, sheep, cows, three wise men, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus with a large bright star in the sky and an angel coming down.

Saturday morning we were surprised to wake up to three inches of snow. We had to wait for the snow to clear before traveling to Table Rock Lake and Dam to board the Branson Belle for a lunch cruise. Before

boarding the boat the girls had time to shop for momentous and have their picture taken.

After boarding the ship they again enjoyed a wonderful meal and watched a fascinating acrobatic show. The emcee surprised Kira, who was celebrating her 16th birthday, by everyone singing and signing happy birthday. We left the Branson Belle, returned to our rooms and waited until time to go to Silver Dollar City. While there we enjoyed great food, rode on several rides and had time to throw a few snowballs at each other. After a busy day we returned to our rooms where we chatted about the activities of the day and how we enjoyed them.

Sunday morning it was time to return to MSD but on the way back we had a chance to stop at the Lake of the Ozarks to look at the lake and see the large fish by the dam. We stopped in Jefferson City at the home of Bethany Wills and enjoyed a meal prepared by her mom Anika, played games and visited.

After arriving on campus Sunday evening, the van was unloaded, girls were settling down just waiting to share



Left: Bethany, Rocky, Paige and Kira have their picture taken with the Acrobats on the Branson Belle Cruise Ship — this was an exciting event, especially the birthday surprise for Kira. Right: Getting ready to board the Branson Belle, first row: Patty Atteberry, Rocky. Second row: Nancy Baker, Paige, Kira and Bethany.

their excitement with others. It was truly an awesome experience and we all look forward to another outing next year.

Girl Scout Weiner Roast

In December, Girl Scout Cadette troop 690 hosted a weiner roast for all the Stark students, RAs and Kevin Spencer's Boy Scout troop.

The Boy Scouts started the fire and helped the younger children cook their weiners. A lot of wieners and other good food was consumed that night. A lot of visiting took place, games were played and just a great night of fellowship. Every one worked together to make it a huge success.

—Patty Atterberry
Leader



Top: Dominic and Cody J. start the fire. Center left: Dominic, Cody J. and Cody H. help the younger ones roast their hot dogs. Center right: The chow line begins. Below: The entire scouting group with their sponsors.



Girl Scouts Junior Troop #524

Junior Troop #524 has been working on two badges so far this year. We're working on a "Healthy Relationships" badge and a "Outdoor Surroundings" badge. Through fun activities, we have worked on what it takes to have a good relationship with others, such as with peers; making positive statements to others, discussed the impact of gossip and other bullying-like behavior, and identifying and labeling various emotions with the appropriate vocabulary. For the "Outdoor Surroundings" badge, we have observed similarities and differences in the outdoor environment, such as colors and textures, to appreciate the diversity of the outdoors. We will be doing more activities related to both of these badges.

The troop has taken two field trips this fall. The first one was to the Spirit of America Corn Maze at Shyrock Farms. We had a wonderful time! We were given cards with a list of landmarks or cities in America (i.e., Statue of Liberty, The Windy City, etc.) and we had to find the landmarks using our knowledge of geography to navigate the maze. The second field trip was to the Heart of Missouri Girl Scout Council Skating event at the Marvic Skate Center in Jefferson City. This was a challenging experience for some of us! Everyone had a fun time skating and playing skating games.

We participated in the annual nuts and candies sale. The girls learned about public relations, salesmanship and handling money. They did a wonderful job promoting their products, helping customers complete their order, and making sure they collected the right amount of money and giving the correct amount of change.

—Jennifer Hampton, Leader



Top: Jennifer Hampton (Leader), Jessica, Lindsey, Keywana, Madison, Bonnie and Nancy Wood (Leader).

Below: Bonnie, Jessica, Lindsey, Keywana, Madison and their leader Jennifer Hampton discuss plans for the day's meeting.



Left: Seated — Donte', Cody, Dominic. Standing — Eddie Ross and Kevin Spencer at the campsite.

Above: Cody finds a friendly horse to pet.

Scout Campout

During the weekend of March 5-7, Scoutmaster Kevin Spencer, assisted by Eddie Ross took three Boy Scouts on a campout. They went to Carrington's land where they cooked food over an open fire, hiked in the woods and took time to go fishing. They enjoyed hiking, petting horses and in the evening gazed at the stars and identified them.

When the weekend was over the boys were tired but happy to have had the experience of the outdoors and earn some badges.



Above center: Eddie Ross watches with anticipation as Dominic cast his line — Donte' and Cody get their lines ready. Above: The group takes time out from hiking in the woods to pose for their picture. Left: Cody takes his turn cooking ham over an open fire as Dominic looks on.

Superintendent's Brother Visits MSD

Twins? No they are not, but when Superintendent Garrison's brother, Lanny Stegall, visited Fulton for three weeks prior to the Christmas holidays many folks believed that they were twins.

Lanny is a 1963 graduate of the NC School for the Deaf in Morganton, NC where he received vocational training in leather work, woodworking and printing and was a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation, he worked for a local newspaper company as a linotype printer for a few years and also maintained a woodwork shop at his home.

His woodworking hobby produced some beautiful pieces of furniture. Superintendent Garrison proudly noted a solid oak roll top desk, china cabinet and corner cabinet that her brother had made for her. Lanny was forced into an early retirement after a twenty-six year employment history with Teledyne Alvac Corporation, a company that makes steel parts for NASA, a few years ago when he developed macular degeneration. As an inspector, his failing eyesight was a barrier to his ability to perform his job responsibilities, to operate an automobile and to his beloved woodworking. Even though this has caused life-altering changes for Lanny, his personality has not changed one bit. "He always has a smile ... that has never changed," stated his sister. "The changes that Lanny has experienced over the past ten years would make a lot of people just throw up their hands and give up, but not my brother. I'm so proud of him."

A couple of years ago, when a robber accosted Lanny at his home, he immediately went to the police to report the robbery. Because of Lanny's quick action, the police were able to find and arrest the robber. Lanny testified in court and the perpetrator served jail time.

Lanny shares his home with his son and despite his dependency on his son for transportation, Lanny still has one of the finest vegetable gardens in town each year and has taken up new hobbies like rose gardening and painting light houses. While visiting at MSD, Lanny spent a great deal of time with Eddie Ross and students in the woodworking classes.

Barbara and Lanny have an older brother, Ralph Stegall who is also retired. Ralph served as Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Services at NCSD in Morganton and also attended CSUN where he and former MSD Superintendent Pete Ripley received their Master's degrees.



Lanny and BG



Lanny spent time observing in Eddie Ross' class while at MSD — above he watches Tars use the bandsaw to cut wood for a table leg.

MSD Winter Sports



Boys' Varsity Basketball Wrap-up

Kevin Voelker Head Coach assisted by Jeff Samson felt pleased with the boys. They played well at home but just couldn't get it all together on the road.

They helped develop a young team into a potential contender for future seasons.

Junior Cory led the team in scoring with 268 points, while junior Damon and junior Brannndon D. added 62 and 58 points. Cory had 94 points and led the team in rebounding. Angelo led the JV team in scoring with 16 points, and led the JV team in rebounding.

—Kevin Voelker
Head Coach



First row: Cory, Brannndon. Standing: Matt, Kevin, Kyle, Billy, Damon, Angelo, Jon, Nick and Carlos.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Wrap-up

There were only seven courageous girls on the basketball team. They played the entire 19 games. Lady Eagles resulted a winless basketball season, but they almost captured a victory from two close games against Michigan School for the Deaf and Colorado School for the Deaf. We played in the CSSD tournament in Delavan at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf the last week of January. We finished in 8th place. We looked forward to the upcoming GPSD tournament which was held at MSD during February 12-14. The Lady Eagles fell to the last place. The GPSD tournament turned out to be great entertainment and exciting basketball games on Valentine's Day.

Frannie finished as top scorer with 108 points for the season. Followed by Rosa who finished as second scorer with 78 points. Rosa hit 13 times from behind the 3 point arc. Our top rebounder was Kira with 95 rebounds, while Rosa grabbed 93 rebounds and Frannie notched 82 rebounds. Rosa has most assist on the team with 16 assists.



First row: Rosa. Second row: Monielle, Frannie. Third row: Tonya, support; Kira, Brandi, Helen, Latoya. Fourth row: Assistant Coach Ellen Foshay and Head Coach Michael Eldred.

Defensively, Rosa swiped the basketball from the opponent teams for 26 times while her teammate, Brandi snatched the ball for 19 times. Frannie blocked her opponents shots 13 times this season. Lady Eagles will lose only

one player, senior, Rosa on the basketball team next year.

—Michael Eldred
Head Coach

Cheerleader's Wrap-up

The MSD high school cheerleaders, Monielle, Tonya and Kira worked hard during basketball season learning new cheers for the season and preparing for the Great Plains School for the Deaf (GPSD) Cheerleading Competition. Monielle and Kira are also basketball players; it takes a lot of strength to be involved in both basketball and cheerleading.

In addition to evening practices, on some mornings and daily during the week of GPSD, we practiced in the wee hours of the morning, at 6:00 AM. It was difficult for all of us to show up this early, however, the girls were always ready to work. We were nervous about the competition, however, when the girls got out there on the floor, they surprised the audience (and the coaches!) with an extraordinary amount of spirit and conducted their best performance yet. It doesn't matter that we did not place, the important thing was that they gave their performance a 110% effort!

I am proud of the team and hope that we will have even more success next year! —Jennifer Hampton, Sponsor



Monielle, Kira and Tonya.

Junior High Basketball



Junior High Girls — Kneeling: Ashley, Haley, Heather, Brenda, Anjoylen and Rochelle. Standing: Coach Bob Washington, Kathleen, Denna, Chetara, LeDaya. JHS Boys — Kneeling: Cleve, Donte'. Standing: Coach Bradley Drew, Jarrell, Johnny, Brian and Zachary.



Girls JHS Scores

CMHS	30	MSD	12
Williamsburg	38	MSD	11
Chamois	18	MSD	12
St. Peters	39	MSD	8
Hatton	16	MSD	10
KCA	20	MSD	27
Columbia Cath	24	MSD	2
St. Peters	25	MSD	24
CMHS	24	MSD	8
KSD	10	MSD	21
KCA	26	MSD	25

CHMS	17	MSD	26
Williamsburg	lost	MSD	won
Chamois	33	MSD	20
St. Peter's	38	MSD	24
Hatton	46	MSD	33
KCA	20	MSD	27
Columbia Cath	24	MSD	31
St. Peters	38	MSD	27
CMHS	28	MSD	33
KSD	49	MSD	28
KCA	26	MSD	25

Boys JHS Scores

Winter Homecoming

Winter Homecoming 2004 was held January 24 against Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The usual excitement filled the halls and dormitories as the students and staff got ready for the weekend activities.

The theme this year was “**Lord of the Rings the Eagles Last Survivor**”. Spirit days this year started on Tuesday due to the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday Monday, January 19.

The theme for Tuesday morning was “Lord of the Rings Hat & Ring Day” when students wore head gear with the symbol from Lord of the Rings story and some very unusual rings. Wednesday was “Survival Gear” where they wore or carried survival articles to class. Thursday was “Lord of the Rings Character Day” when they dressed up like a person from the Lord of the Rings story. Friday was “Green and Gold Day” when they wore MSD colors.

Friday afternoon a pep rally was held and the winners of the Poster Contest were announced, with Cody Haskell being the winner. All the students at the Rice Middle School participated in the Homecoming Poster Contest. They created their posters in art class under the direction of Janet Healy with help from Barbara Jones.

Iowa School for the Deaf traveled to MSD to play against Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Saturday morning and that evening, MSD played the official homecoming game against Oklahoma with the following results:

- MSD Girls 21, OSD Girls 61
- MSD Boys 15, OSD 47

During halftime of the girls’ Varsity game there was a performance by Janet’s dance studio from Fulton. During halftime of the boys’ game the King and Queen Coronation took place. That evening the Homecoming Dance was held in the Eagle’s Nest.

The Burney L. Fishback Memorial was open for visitors to enjoy. It was again a memorable Homecoming.

Winter/Spring 2004



King and Queen Court — David, Monielle, King Cory, Queen Frannie, Brannndon and Rachel.



Pictured left to right: Andy 3rd place, Nathan, 2nd place and Cody, first place.



15th Annual GPSD Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition

Missouri School for the Deaf hosted the GPSD Tournament held February 12-14 with the following schools participating Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Saturday Games — GIRLS:

*Girls Consolation Championship Game
Colorado 30, Missouri 19*

Missouri rallied from a 10-4 first quarter deficit to lead the game at the half, 14-13. After three quarters, Missouri had a slim three-point lead and had its sights on their first win of their season. Colorado outscored the hosts 16-2 in the final quarter for their comeback win. Jessica and Rebecca each had nine points for the winners while Rosa led Missouri with eight points.

3rd Place Game

Iowa 45, Arkansas 31

Iowa used a big third quarter after being down at halftime, 20-17. The Bobcats took over the lead for good by virtue of a 19-6 third quarter run. Three players scored in double figures, led by Karen with 13, and Katie and Jada had 11 and 10 points respectively, and Elena had 13 points for Arkansas.

Championship Game

Minnesota 57, Oklahoma 24

It was a close game in the first half, as the score was 19-13 in Minnesota's favor. The second half was a different story though, as the Trojans came out fired up and scored 21 points in the third quarter while holding Oklahoma to a single basket, giving them a 40-15 lead, and cruised to its second consecutive GPSD championship. Brittany poured in 21 points and teammate Stevie added 12 points. Kelsey led Ok with 15 points.

BOYS:

7th Place Game

Missouri 47, South Dakota 41

Missouri gained its first victory on the season by holding on to its lead in the second half. After a 6-6 first quarter, Missouri had a 11-point lead at halftime. South Dakota managed to outscore the Eagles in the third and fourth quarters, but the lead was too large to overcome. Cory led the victors with 24 points and Antwas had 19 for South Dakota.

Consolation Championship

Colorado 55, Oklahoma 48

Robert had a game-high 21 points to lead Colorado in an exciting game that saw many lead changes. Sam and Robert each added 10 points for the winners and Oklahoma was led by Steven

with 14 and Shane with 11. The Trojans bounced back from its semifinal loss to Kansas on Friday to score 87 points in its victory over Arkansas. They led 49-14 at halftime. Bryan and Lance each scored 19 points for Minnesota as four players scored in double figure. Jacob also had 16 points and Kyle finished with 12 for the winners. Leading the losing effort were Jermichael with 16 points and Darrell with 11.

Championship Game

Iowa 41 Kansas 40

The final game of the tournament earned its moneys worth for the fans and everyone involved as Iowa escaped with a 41-40 win over Kansas to earn its third consecutive GPSD championship.

Kansas jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game. An Edlin's dunk with 3:40 left in the first quarter gave Iowa its first lead of the game, 8-7. After one quarter, Iowa had a 18-12 lead and led by as many as seven points in the second quarter before Kansas rallied. The Jackrabbits' Greg converted a layup after an offensive rebound to tie the game at 26-26, which was the score at halftime.

Iowa took the lead to start the third quarter. Michael of Kansas scored on a fast-break layup with 4:15 left in the third to give the Jackrabbits its first lead

since the start of the game, which it promptly lost when Dorn made a layup on the ensuing possession. Harper converted a running jumper at the buzzer from the top of the key to give Kansas a 37-36 lead, with one quarter remaining.

Kansas began the fourth quarter on offense by choosing to drain time from the clock, managing to take almost two minutes off the clock before losing the ball on a turnover. The teams traded possessions on turnovers before Moises picked up his 4th foul of the game on an offensive charge with 3:23 remaining in the game.

The first basket of the final quarter was scored by Iowa's Dorn on a layup with 2:14 left, to give the Bobcats a 38-37 lead. Arteaga, Iowa's best ball handler, fouled out of the game with 2:07 left. After Justin was fouled with 1:11 left, he made the first free throw before missing the second, knotting the game at 38-38. Kansas managed to get the re-

bound after the miss, but the player stepped out of bounds.

The Bobcats' Mack was fouled on a fast break layup, which he converted, and he made the ensuing free throw to give Iowa a 41-38 lead with 56.9 seconds remaining. A basket by Kansas' Dean brought Kansas with in one, 41-40 with 40.9 seconds left.

The teams traded possessions and Iowa had a fast break opportunity, only to see Kansas steal the ball and call a timeout with 5.1 seconds left. Brown drove the length of the court as the clock wound down, and dished off to Harper at the basket but Harper's shot bounced off the glass at the buzzer.

Dorn, playing in his final game, finished with 24 points for the Bobcats and Brown led Kansas, which has lost its fourth consecutive GPSD championship game, with 17 points.

—Sheldon Whittaker

Cheerleaders Monielle, Kira and Tonya try to help the Eagle find EAGLE SPIRIT!



The Eagle found MSD Spirit!

Cheerleading Competition

1st Place Arkansas
2nd Place Iowa
3rd Place Minnesota

Girls All Tournament Team

Saranna F. — Arkansas
Emily W. — Arkansas
Jessica C. — Colorado
Katie R. — Iowa
Karen R. — Iowa
Stevie W. — Minnesota
Charissa H. — Minnesota
Amy S. — Minnesota
Kelsey J. — Oklahoma
Rebecca G. — Oklahoma

Boys All Tournament

Jermichael J. — Arkansas
Darrell D. — Arkansas
Robert S. — Colorado
Edlin D. — Iowa
Moises A. — Iowa
Justin B. — Kansas
Greg C. — Kansas
Kyle G. — Minnesota
Lance G. — Minnesota
Scottie E. — Oklahoma

Sportsmanship Award

Girls: Arkansas
Boy: Minnesota

**16th GPSD
will be held in Kansas next year**

Missouri School for the Deaf Fall 2004 8 -Man Football Game Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
September			
11	Oklahoma School for the Deaf	Sulphur, OK	2:00 p.m.
18	Arkansas School for the Deaf	MSD	2:00 p.m.
25	Kansas School for the Deaf	MSD	2:00 p.m.
October			
2	Wisconsin School for the Deaf	Delavan, WI	2:00 p.m.
9	Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf	MSD	3:00 p.m.
16	Louisiana School for the Deaf	Baton Rouge, LA	TBA
23	Iowa School for the Deaf	MSD	2:00 p.m.

Laura Redden Searing

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When she returned to the US in 1868 she lived in New York City and took a job with a newspaper, but continued writing poems and essays for magazines.

In 1870 she began to study speech and lip reading at Clarke and after two years studying there, she studied another year with Alexander Graham Bell. Even though she was never able to master lip reading, Redden did regain a limited ability to speak and, in her newspaper articles, advocated the teaching of speech, along with sign language, in all schools for the deaf.

She published her second book of poetry in 1873 and then spent the next two years traveling in Cuba, New Orleans, and the American West.

Three years later, in 1876 she married Edward Searing, a lawyer from New York. They had one child Elsa Waller Searing in 1880 and separated a short time later. Her husband told her that if she divorced him, he would keep their daughter, so in 1886 Laura and her daughter moved to Santa Cruz, California and she received a divorce from her husband in 1889.

In that same year, Laura wrote poems for the dedication of the famous bronze statue of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell on the campus of Gallaudet University.

Laura stopped writing entirely in 1908 and lived the last few years of her life as a semi-invalid. Her daughter published a final collection of her mother's poems in 1921.

There is another story about Laura's saddle. When she separated from her husband, she left most of her things in New York. Her husband went bankrupt and the sheriff sold off all his belongings at a public auction to raise money to pay off his debts. Laura's Deaf friends went to the auction and bought many of her things, including her saddle, and shipped them to Laura in California. This shows how much the Deaf community loved her.

In addition to being an outstanding role model for students who are deaf, I

admire Laura because she was in the middle of the biggest controversy in deaf education — oral vs. manual communication — and her belief was that education of the deaf should include both.

Laura Redden Searing died on August 10, 1923; however, her famous history lives on:

In books like — *Great Deaf Americans: The Second Edition*, and *Sweet Bells Jangled*, and at Gallaudet University where the Dean's residence was named the "Searing House" in 1984, and in Glyndon, Minnesota where a "Poet's Garden" was dedicated in City Park in 1995, and at the University of Missouri in Columbia where the Laura Redden Searing Papers, donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Searing's great-grandson, are kept in the library as a part of the National Women and Media Collection, and here in Fulton, at MSD where the Redden Cottage was dedicated in her memory on September 27, 1997... AND in the MSD museum where her saddle permanently resides.

It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the birthday in memory of Laura Redden Searing, a graduate who brought honor on this School.

We are also grateful to Judy Yaeger Jones, who with the sale of her book "*Sweet Bells Jangled*", has helped MSD begin an annual tradition of celebrating Laura's birthday.

As a special surprise Superintendent Garrison read a Proclamation from Bob Holden the Governor of the State of Missouri (page 2). At the conclusion of the events at Ingle Auditorium, Superintendent Garrison invited everyone to join her at the Eagle's Nest for birthday cake and ice cream.

Sign of the Times

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dynamic community, at the center of which is ASL.

As employees of the Missouri School for the Deaf, it is imperative that we set the example for others by accepting, respecting and embracing that same philosophy. When we communicate without using ASL, we

are not being respectful and therefore will not be respected. As professionals, we cannot demand respect — we have to earn it!

Sign all the time! If you have need for a confidential conversation, take it to a private place.

—Barbara Garrison
Superintendent

Brain Bowl

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bonuses, Underworld won! Team members on Underworld were Kyle, Chetara, Helen, Frannie and Mrs. Betty Sullivan. Each member of the championship team and runner-up team was given a certificate for their successful effort. The audience had a chance to test their knowledge along with the teams. Students are already learning the information they will need for next years' competition.



Instructor Charles Galbreath and Dani take care of timing and scoring during the Brain Bowl competition.

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The other challenge is a color grid. It requires the use of following directions and problem solving to meet the challenge.

The students have had a great time this quarter and are very excited to show off their work. The Museum was presented for students, staff, and family at the Missouri School for the Deaf. The program was developed by Janet Healy seven years ago. It is now being taught by Janet Healy with help from Allison Gohring.



Chinese New Year Celebrated at MSD

Thank you to MSD, Wheeler Student, Helen and her mother for the banner display outside of the Wheeler School hall doors and at Coats Vocational Complex entry. The display was connected to the Chinese New Year, celebrated January 22, 2004. Helen (pictured right) and her mother shared banners that would be used in the observance of the New Year in China. Traditionally scrolls are placed at the entrance of a home or building wishing those that enter well being hope, or praise for the year to come. The banners, with phrases, are locally available at markets, and can have common greetings or a customized phrase. The display has classical Chinese lettering on the banners that were made for Missouri School for the Deaf. Below is a translation of the banners, as they would be traditionally displayed.

1. Explore the secret sounds and benefit the people. (Secret sounds, refers to sounds being secret for the deaf).
2. Awake the hearing and educate to possess significant ability. (Awake the hearing, referring to absorbing knowledge not by hearing but by other senses).
3. All Communities praise that there is no child left behind. (All communities praise, a wish of wellness for the community, neighborhood, or city administration).



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'Tis our last hour together! Oh my friends,
A very little while and we must part.
We would be cheerful, and yet sorrow blends
Even with our joy, and shadows o'er the heart.
'Tis our last hour together! How we start,
And backward trace the short eventful year!
Oft our thoughts pause, then onward swiftly dart;
How very much of joy, and hope, and fear,
Lie in the past; how many memories sanctified and dear!

My Teachers! Ever in this grateful heart,
Shall the remembrance of your kindness live;
Yours is a sacred and a noble part;
Of our brief time my gratitude to tell;
Weak words like these may not my heart relieve;
Your love and care have been a mighty spell,
To guide my wayward will: my Teachers, fare ye well!

What shall I say to you, old friends, whom I have met
Each day in study, or in pastime free?
Our lives have been bound up together; we have sat
Round the same board, mingled in woe or glee;
We who have shared one mutual home, Oh, we
So long together, must be severed now,
The dear familiar faces which I see
Around me, soon will vanish; - tell me how,
When will ye think of me? Will ye remember, or forgetful grow?

—Laura Redden
American Annals of the Deaf 1858

